

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty- third day of September 2008, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing, John C. Thompson, Karen Hodock

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Ramsey called the September 2008 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

SEPT. 23, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the September 23, 2008 meeting agenda with changes was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of August 2008, in the amount of \$150,591.60, payrolls of September 2, 2008 and September 16, 2008 totaling \$169,838.14, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VDOT

The county administrator updated the board regarding the complaints of 4-wheelers within the 3-D subdivision area noting that the county attorney had been assisting; determining one of the roads to be a private road with the others being public. Adding if problems continued it indeed would be a civil suit among the residents.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the July 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$62,565.14, with the local allotment of \$7,570.71, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS OCTOBER 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' October 2008 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of August 25, 2008 and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the months of July and August 2008 was made by John Thompson with second made by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer appeared in person with an update of office activities and advised that the books are ready for the end of the fiscal year audit. Mr. Goins noted that the 2008 tax tickets should be mailed the middle of October.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue reported to the board the 2008-09 Real Estate and Personal Property books have been run, showing tax values for the year.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the Emergency Services monthly report of work activities to include the closing of the Afton communications tower contract. Mr. Howlett introduced Tina Coleman as the new member to his staff

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official presented a monthly report of activities and the number of building permits issued.

APPOINTMENTS

Bland County Planning Commission

Bland County Economic Development Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint Robert Anderson to the Planning Commission, a 4 yr. term, to expire Sept. 30, 2012 and reappoint Kevin May to the Economic Development Authority, a 4 yr. term to expire Sept. 30, 2012 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

Workforce Investment Board

*****MOTION to appoint Timothy Havens to the Workforce Investment Board as the private sector/business representative was made by John Thompson and second made by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

FESTIVAL OF LEAVES SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Special Entertainment Permit application of the Festival of Leaves and waive the required fee was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare the copier used by the General District Court surplus and allow it to go to the Creative Literacy program was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

LOCAL BOARD OF BUILDING CODE APPEALS (LBBCA)

*****MOTION to establish a Local Board of Building Code Appeals as outlined within the Uniform Statewide Building Code (119.1) was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Local Board of Building Code Appeals (LBBCA)

*****MOTION to appoint Eric Brooks to the LBBCA, 4 yr. term to expire 10-1-2012 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint Randy Newberry to the LBBCA, 2 yr term to expire 10-1-2010 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint Keith Niday to the LBBCA, 2 yr term to expire 10-1-2010 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint John Melvin to the LBBCA, 4 yr term to expire 10-1-2012 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint Guy Boone to the LBBCA, 4 yr term to expire 10-1-2012 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint Becky Bane as an alternate member to the LBBCA, a 2 yr term to expire 10-1-2010 was made by Karen Hodock with second made by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to appoint R. B. Anderson as an alternate to the LBBCA, a 4 yr term to expire 10-01-2012 was made by Henry Blessing and second made by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM UPDATE

An update was provided on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the County's Prescription Drug Card with an August 2008 number of users being 43 with a savings of \$846.64 with a total of \$17,870.00 since the July 2006 conception.

ABANDON MOBILE VEHICLES REMOVAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The County Administrator advised the board of the number of mobile vehicles removed from within the county under the Abandon Mobile Vehicles Removal Program since October 2006 to be 124.

AEP INCREASE OPPOSITION

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to send a letter to AEP opposing the rate increase proposed.

CLOSED SESSION *****“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VERIZON C.U.P. SITE # 13803 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of Verizon Wireless to install a self-supporting telecommunication tower north side of Rt. 42, upon Tax Map #56-A-2.

Nate Holland, representative of Verizon Wireless spoke on the proposed cell tower site for cell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

VERIZON WIRELESS C.U.P. SITE #13803 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. application made by Verizon Wireless to install a 199 ft. self-supporting tower upon Tax Map #56-A-2, 13803 E. Blue Grass Trail, property owned by Jeffrey and Laura Reed. All roads to the tower will be built and maintained by Verizon Wireless, a buffer to be installed as outlined within Section 62-134 of the Zoning Ordinance, and 20 conditions imposed as outlined within Chapter 62, Section 62-134 was made by Karen Hodock with second by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VERIZON C.U.P. SITE #6219 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of Verizon Wireless to install a self-supporting telecommunication tower upon Tax Map #80-A-40, 6219 Walker Creed Rd, property of James Muncy.

Stephen Waller, representative of Verizon Wireless spoke on the proposed cell tower site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Supervisor Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

VERIZON WIRELESS C.U.P. SITE # 6219 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. application made by Verizon Wireless to install a 199 ft. self-supporting tower upon Tax Map #80-A-40, 6219 Walker Creek Rd. property owned by James Muncy. Roads to the tower will be built and maintained by Verizon Wireless, a buffer to be installed as outlined within Section 62-134 of the Zoning Ordinance, and 20 conditions

imposed as outlined within Chapter 62, Section 62-134 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed

VERIZON C.U.P. #4508 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of Verizon Wireless to install a self-supporting telecommunication tower upon Tax Map #106-A-37.

Nate Holland, Verizon Wireless representative spoke on the proposed site for the cell tower.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

VERIZON WIRELESS C.U.P. SITE #4508 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. application made by Verizon Wireless to install a 199 ft. self-supporting tower upon Tax Map #106-A-37, 4508 S. Scenic Rd, property owned by Lonnie and Joyce Keene. All roads to the tower will be built and maintained by Verizon Wireless, a buffer to be installed as outlined within Section 62-134 of the Zoning Ordinance, and 20 conditions imposed as outlined within Chapter 62, Section 62-134 was made by Karen Hodock seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VERIZON C.U.P. SITE # 1945 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of Verizon Wireless to install a self-supporting telecommunication upon Tax Map #120-A-9 off Red Oak Road.

Stephen Waller, representative of Verizon Wireless spoke on the proposed cell tower site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

VERIZON WIRELESS C.U.P. SITE #1945 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. application made by Verizon Wireless to install a 199 ft. self-supporting tower upon Tax Map #120-A-9, property owned by Steven King and Marion Peck Jr. All roads to the tower will be built and maintained by Verizon Wireless, a buffer to be installed as outlined within Section 62-134 of the Zoning Ordinance, and 20 conditions imposed as outlined within Chapter 62, Section 62-134 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VERIZON C.U.P.SITE #1831 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of Verizon Wireless to install a self-supporting telecommunication tower upon Tax Map #104-A-37, Shewey Valley Rd.

Nate Holland, representative of Verizon Wireless spoke on the proposed cell tower site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

VERIZON WIRELESS C.U.P. SITE #1831 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. application made by Verizon Wireless to install a 199 ft. self-supporting tower upon Tax Map #104-a-37, Shewey Valley Rd, property owned by Richard Lambert. All roads to the tower will be built and maintained by Verizon Wireless, a buffer to be installed as outlined within Section 62-134 of the Zoning Ordinance, and 20 conditions imposed as outlined within Chapter 62, Section 62-134 made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., October 28, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator